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SB 2380 SD 1 RELATING TO NATURAL AREA RESERVES SYSTEM

Statement for
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Planning, Energy, and Environmental Protection
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SB 2380 SD1 would amend section HRS 195-9 to establish procedures for the receipt, deposit, use and reporting of monies received for the Natural Area Reserves Fund. Our statement on this bill does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The amendment proposed will establish clear procedures for designating moneys specifically to the Natural Area Reserves fund and thereby greatly encourage private contributions to that fund. Furthermore the amendments proposed will significantly strengthen and broaden the uses to which the Natural Area Reserves funds can be applied and in so doing will enhance the goals and objectives of the Natural Area Reserves system. We are in support of the intent of SB 2380 SD 1.

this regard we suggest that the University of Hawaii Environmental Center be added to the list of University programs, departments, and institutes to be included on the task force advisory committee. Environmental issues should be given appropriate recognition and consideration in accordance with the policy statements of Section 1. We believe that the experience, expertise, and coordination of the UH Environmental Center in marine environmental management would contribute substantially to the success of this task force.

SB 2024 establishes the Department of Business and Economic Development as the primary agency for coordinating the Ocean Resources Management plan. As noted earlier, a need for balance exists between resource development interests and resource management considerations. In view of the economic development orientation of DBED, it would seem more appropriate to designate the Office of State Planning as the lead agency for implementing the Ocean Resources Management Plan. Furthermore, other ocean management programs, specifically the Coastal Zone Management Program might be more appropriately housed under the O.S.P. to avoid potentially conflicting interests.

Finally, we note on page 14, section 12(3), that provisions are made for analysis of state laws, rules, authorities, etc. Given that Federal regulations in many instances supercede or mandate state regulatory provisions in the realm of ocean jurisdiction, it should be specified that the analyses called for in this section be considered in the context of the Federal regulatory environment.